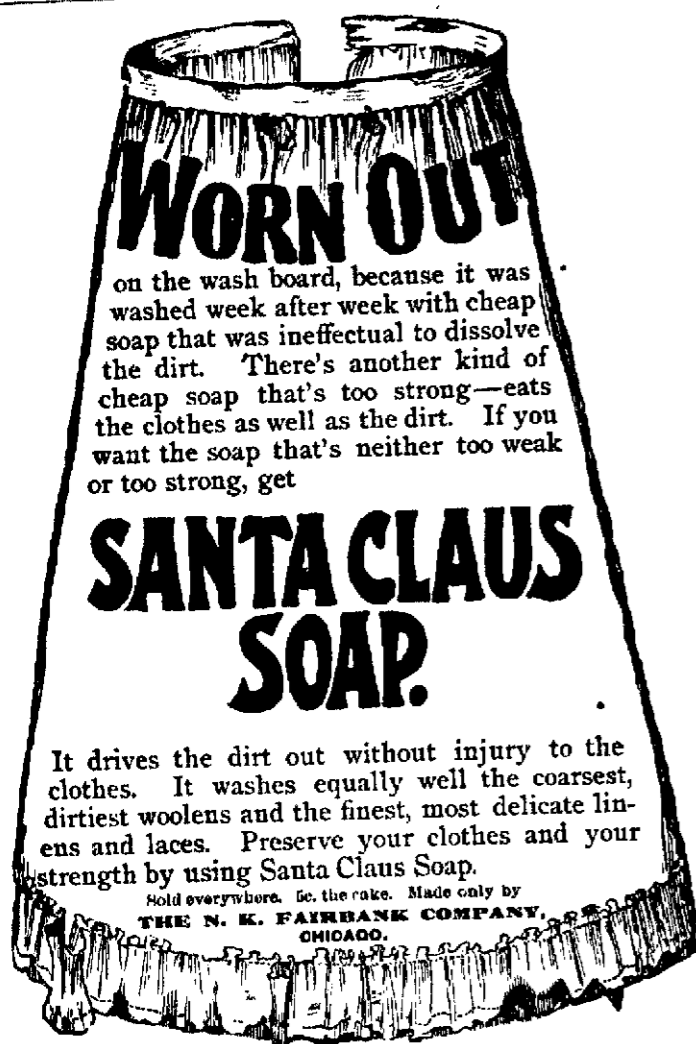


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MAON COUNTY.

In the Circuit Court, Macon County.

A. T. Riley vs. Percy Wandell et al. No. 15,757

Public notice is hereby given that in pursu-

ance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon

county, State of Illinois, entered in the above en-

itled cause at the September term, 1896, of said

court, L. James J. Finn, master in chancery of

said court, will on

Tuesday, December 20th, 1896,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., of said day,

at the north door of the court house in

the city of Decatur, in said county,

offer for sale at public auction to the high-

est and best bidder for cash in hand, subject

to redemption according to law, the real estate

in said decree ordered to be sold being described

as follows: to wit: Beginning at the center of

the southeast quarter of section No. 10, T. 34 N., R. 10 E.,

(34) in township No. 16, section (34) north,

three (3) east of the third principal meridian

thence west fifteen (15) chains; thence north

thirteen (13) chains; thence east fifteen (15) chains

thence south twelve (12) chains to the place be-

ginning; containing sixteen (16) acres situate

in the county of Macon, in the State of Illi-

nois.

Dated at Decatur, Ill., this 5th day of Decem-

ber, 1896.

JAMES J. FINN,

Master in Chancery.

W. E. Reed, Notary.

(Dec 7-1896)

BOWLING IN DUTCH DAYS.

Game Was Greatly Different from That Now So Popular.

Bowling has recently made rapid progress as a winter pastime. As a summer sport the game is linked in legend and tradition with the jolly Dutchmen of New Amsterdam, who were the founders of our city.

The name Bowling Green still clings to the circular plot of ground which marks the lower end of Broadway. This piece of land was leased in the early days of the colony at a yearly rental of a peppercorn by three Dutchmen prominent in New Amsterdam, Peter Jay, John Chambers and Peter Bayard. They inclosed the ground and laid it out as a bowling green. A map of the city dated 1728 also shows a bowling green situated on the west side of the public gardens on the "King's Farm," near the foot of Murray and Warren streets.

The game as played by the Dutchmen differed materially from the present game, though it must be regarded as its progenitor. The game which they played resembled modern "quoits," the main difference being that the bowls were rolled instead of tossed as in the latter game. The alley was marked on the green sward 21 feet in length, the width varying greatly according to the nature of the ground. At each end of the alley was placed a stone ball or "jack." The object of the first player was to roll the bowl so that when it came to rest it might lie as near as possible to the mark. The opposing player strove to strike his opponent's bowl so as to drive it away from the mark and interpose his own bowl. The bowl resting nearest to the mark scored a point for its owner. This game was extremely popular among the early citizens of the city. The substantial men of colonial New York used to enjoy the game during the quiet afternoons of Indian summer with frequent though moderate interludes of pipe and tankard. This recreation formed a good digester of the heavy two o'clock dinner of beef and pudding.

The game was then in its chrysalis stage and during its subsequent development lost some of its old features and gained others. It cannot be gainsaid that bowling as a pastime in this city is still associated with the pipe and tankard, for the majority of the public alleys are connected with saloons and even in the private clubs the game appears to be somewhat influenced by its early associations. Bowling has become an indoor rather than an outdoor game, and consequently distinctively a winter pastime, although it is played to some extent at the summer hotels and excursion resorts.

In this respect the game has gained during its development, and hundreds of women are now numbered among its enthusiastic devotees. The busy maid and matrons of Stuyvesant's day did not participate in the sport, but contented themselves with sitting quietly upon the porches of their homes, which lined the square about the green, busying themselves with knitting as they watched the burghers bowling on the green. No doubt the husbands were rebuked by their wives for their enthusiastic devotion to bowling, but at any rate the game as then played did not keep the men up at night, because darkness always put an end to the sport.

Bowling has been for a long time popular among the German women of this city, and two years ago a women's tournament was held in which more than a hundred took part. It is within only the last few years that bowling has taken a firm hold upon society women.—N. Y. Sun.

HOUSES IN TREE TOPS.

The Indians of Guiana Build Beyond the Reach of Floods.


Interest in the Guiana country naturally centers about the most fertile region, that which commands the mouth of its great waterway. As you approach the Orinoco from the gulf of Paria, you still see that picturesque sight to which Humboldt refers in his travels, "unnumerable fires in the tall palm trees," the dwelling places of the peaceful Guianians.

The legend that this strange tribe of Indians, once the masters of the Orinoco, live in trees the entire year, results from the great annual rise of the Orinoco. At Ciudad Bolivar, 500 miles up, this amount sometimes, in a contracted place, to 90 feet. On the broader delta it is always sufficient to cover islands and low ground; therefore the inhabitants very wisely build their houses well above the ground. For this purpose four tall palm trees are selected, and the crosspieces which form the foundation for the houses are lashed to the main support by pieces of a tough vine indigenous to the delta. Upon these is laid the flooring, and then the sides and roof are thatched with large palm leaves, to which the Indians have given the poetic name of "feather of the sun."

There are many advantages which this particular palm leaf possesses over others of the same family, the principal one being its similarity to asbestos in the quality of resisting fire. In the location of his house the Guianian takes another wise precaution in building, and it is one that carries with it a lesson for the government under whose sovereignty he lives.—W. Nephew King, in Century.

Electricity and Teeth Pulling.

Dentists are not the hard-hearted beings that one writing under their manipulations feels them to be. They are on the constant search for anesthetics. The latest medium for this purpose is electricity. It has long been known that the passage of an electric current would carry chemical solutions deep into the tissues, and this property of electricity is now utilized to carry cocaine into the deeper structures of the gums and even to the dentine and nerves of the teeth. The process is known as cataphoresis and has been employed successfully in many ways. —Argosy.



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The Pier City G. A. R. post will hold its annual campfire December 18, when Commander Cochran will make an address.

The Discovery Saved His Life.
Mr. G. Gaillouette, Druggist, Beaverville, Ill., writes: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail, and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We don't keep store or house without it." At West's Drug Store.

Elmer Giles, of Delavan, claims to have husked and cribbed an average of 108 bushels of corn for 57 days.

"Excuse me," observed the man in apoplexy, "but I am a surgeon, and that is not where the liver is." "Never you mind where the liver is," retorted the other. "If it was in his big toe or left ear De Witt's Little Early Risers would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your gig-lamps." A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Mrs. Charity B. Heath, who died at Cerro Gordo last week, had been a resident of the county for 44 years.

The old way of delivering messages by postboys compared with the modern telephone, illustrates the old tedious way of "breaking colds" compared with their almost instantaneous cure by One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

The Eastern band has reorganized with a number of new pieces and will employ Mr. Havens, of Manito, as teacher.

Scaly eruptions on the head, chapped hands and lips, cuts, bruises, scalds, burns, are quickly cured by De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is at present the article most used for piles, and it always cures them. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hull, of Waynesville, celebrated the 60th anniversary of their wedding last week.

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Rev. W. C. North, Congregational minister at Roberts, has accepted a call to Pana at a salary of \$1000.

The old lady was right when she said, the child might die if they waited for the doctor. She saved the little one's life with a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure. She had used it for croup before. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

The Burnham Hospital at Champaign received a Thanksgiving present of \$250 from an unknown friend.

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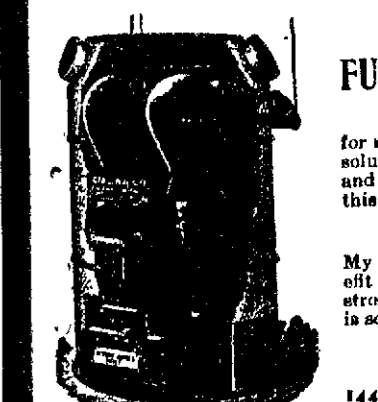
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SOCIETY MEETINGS.

U. A. M.—Decatur Council, O. U. A. M., regular meeting in C. A. R. Hall this (Wednesday) evening, at 7:30. S. F. R. C. C. S. PRICE, E. S.

LOCAL NEWS.

Our toy department will be open to the public on Thursday morning, Dec. 10. E. D. Bartholomew Co.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.
Fig Syrup, 35 cents a bottle, as Irwin's drug store.

You pay a little more for Sleeth's portraits but—
Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Fine holiday packages of perfumes at West's drug store.

Quinine regular price, 45 cents an ounce, at Irwin's.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dtf

Large bottle fragrant toilet cream, 15 cents, at Irwin's.

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent, made by John Weigand. Moh 25 tf.

Dr. L. E. Coonradt, Dentist, rooms 42 and 43 Fenton block. aug24-dtf

Irwin's Rook Balm is the leading cough and cold cure.

Holiday perfume packages, 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1 each at West's drug store.

Sleeth is the only photographer in the city who guarantees satisfaction.

The old reliable K & W cigars are made by John Weigand. Moh 25-dtf.

Tender roast beef with brown gravy served at noon daily at Singleton's restaurant.—Oct21dtf

The best Christmas present is one of those fine perfume packages at West's drug store.

Go to Sam Small's lecture Wednesday evening, Dec. 9, at the tabernacle. Admission only 10c. Subject, "From Bar Room to Pulpit."—7-4dtf

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The members of the Woodman band will give a concert on the evening of Dec. 16 at the Oelhart hall, and not at the Chonistor hall as incorrectly stated.

New upright pianos \$295, \$350, \$275 and \$300. A good upright piano, slightly used, for \$8.50 on payments. Call and select for Christmas. Prosser music house.—dec7 dtf

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A number of young ladies will hold a meeting this afternoon at the home of Miss Ida Voorhies, on West William street for the purpose of organizing a card club.

The petrified woman attracts a large number of people who look upon the figure curiously and wonder if all that is claimed for it is true. It can be seen at the Gallagher block where two ladies give a lecture.

The minutes of the last annual M. E. conference at Tuscola are now being issued in book form. They are beautiful, and contain, besides the full proceedings, a portrait of every minister in the conference, nearly 200 in all.

Prof. Gaumer, principal of the Sidel school, was quite seriously crippled at Fairmount Thursday evening. While attempting to board a train on his way to Danville he fell, dislocating his right arm at the shoulder blade.

Carnival Children's Dancing Party. Prof. R. B. Leonard and daughter, Miss Marie, have arranged to give a children's carnival, or fancy dress dancing party at Guards' Armory on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 26, the day after Christmas. It will be a notable affair for the children. Prof. Leonard desires that all former pupils gather at the armory next Saturday afternoon, Dec. 12, at 4 o'clock, to hear announcements for the carnival.

Toll Line to Tuscola. John Todd, ticket agent for the I. D. & W., at Tuscola, and president of the telephone company of that city, was here yesterday to confer with Mr. Donahoe of the new telephone company of this city. The matter of putting up a toll line from Decatur to Tuscola was discussed and such an arrangement will probably be carried out.

Dolls: Dolls! We devote a space one hundred feet long to show the samples of the line of dolls we carry. We show more styles and kinds than the combined stocks of Decatur. E. D. Bartholomew Co.

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BURGLARS AT RIVERSIDE.

The People Living in That Part of the City Have Robber Scares, and are on the Lookout.

Burglars have been trying to carry on their work in Riverside Place in the south part of the city. Last night robbers almost succeeded in entering the residence of Charles Martin. During the night Mr. Martin heard a noise at the door of his house and got up to investigate it. He made some noise and this scared the burglars away. An examination revealed the fact that they had cut a panel out of the outside door and reached in and turned the key. There was another inside door and on this they were working when they were heard by the occupants of the house. The burglars had left marks on the door showing where they had been trying to turn the key from the outside with a pair of nippers.

It is believed that burglars were in the residence of Ann Somerville who lives in Riverside, on Monday night. This family had retired to the second floor of the house but as Mr. Somerville was expected home in a few moments the lower floor was brightly lighted. Someone had entered the lower part of the house and being frightened away by a noise made by the family above escaped through an open window and knocked over a piece of furniture and broke two costly ornaments in doing so.

COMING TO DECATUR

Mrs. James Miller to Reside With Her Son in This City.

The widow of the late Mr. Miller is to make her home in Decatur. The Bloomington Pantograph of today says:

"Mrs. Roy James Miller is packing her household effects and will spend her time with her children, part of it in this city and part of it with her son in Decatur. The fine library which was the pride of Mr. Miller will be taken to Decatur and placed in his son's office."

Baptist S. S. Concert.

The following will be the program to be given Friday evening, Dec. 11, by the First Baptist church Sunday school orchestra at the church:

1. Overture—"Mildred," .. Ringheim

2. Piano Duet—"Sparkling Dew Caprice," .. Krutke

3. Misses Ardie Wood and Alice Drobisch

4. Violin Duet, "La Vergine," .. Delieriot

5. Quartette, "The Children," .. Money

6. Sacred Selection, "Cathedral," .. Rodney

7. Cornet Solo, "Trump, Trump, Trump," .. Rolinson

8. Chorus, "Sweet and Sour," .. Selected

9. Quartette, "Sweet and Sour," .. Selected

10. March, "The Vision," .. Gray

11. March, "The Vision," .. Gray

12. March, "The Vision," .. Gray

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PERSONAL MENTION.

James Laux has returned from St. Louis.

T. C. McIntyre went to Chicago this morning on a business trip.

Miss Adele Lower is quite ill at her home on South Siegel street.

Mrs. G. D. Thomas has returned home from a visit to friends in Chicago.

R. H. Woodcock, of Macon, had business in the county court yesterday.

Alderman G. A. Ahrens went to Cincinnati last night on a business trip.

Mrs. F. T. Downing's condition is unchanged. She is a very sick woman.

Alderman Brock Irwin was in Blue Mound this morning on a business trip.

W. J. Wayne and M. Maxon went to Tuscola this morning on a business trip.

Miss Bertha Chamberlain left today for Farmer City where she will visit friends.

E. L. Wright, traveling passenger agent for the C. B. & Q., was in the city today from Peoria.

Miss Grace Macmasters has returned home from a visit to friends at Green Bay, Wis.

James W. Reavis is now a member of the clerical force in the office of County Clerk Dodd.

Chas. Agent McDonald of the Wabash, Kan., was in the city last night from Springfield on business.

G. A. Hines, traveling passenger agent for the Illinois Central, was in the city today on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, of Ellsworth, Kan., are in the city the guests of A. S. Knott and family.

Mrs. W. L. Ryder, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. W. Caldwell, has returned to her home in Monticello.

Chairman Bookaday of the county board, went to Oremas this afternoon. He will return tomorrow morning.

Mrs. J. W. Baker, who has been visiting in the city with A. H. Baker and wife, returned last night to her home in Springfield.

Mrs. S. D. Hinde, of St. Louis, who was here on account of the death of her nephew, Wilson Kinsman, returned home today.

C. W. Carmichael, son and two daughters of Tuscola, were in the city today from Tuscola and left on a trip to San Francisco, Cal.

Mrs. Paul John and sister, Miss Lou Withers, who have been in the city visiting friends left today for their home in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Cora Siford, of Georgetown, Col., who has been visiting I. A. Buckingham and family, left yesterday for Chicago, where she will visit friends.

Miss Laura Jenkins arrived home today from Taylorville where she has been visiting friends. She was accompanied by Miss Blanche Plowman, who will be her guest.

Col. Eugene C. Rao, of Chicago, who is in the city in the interest of the Endowment Rank Knights of Pythias, will leave for Springfield on Friday. He will visit Coeur de Leon lodge tomorrow night.

A VETERAN ENGINEER.

Conductor Hough, of the West End, in the City.

Conductor George Hough, of Clayton, one of the veterans in the employ of the Wabash Railway company, is in the city on a brief visit. Mr. Hough is a Mason and a Shriner. He can spin stories by the hour about old times on the Wabash.

He was in the employ of the company when the road was known as the Great Western, and has risen from a low station to the position of passenger conductor, at present being in charge of a train running from Quincy to Keokuk. He was an engineer on the road in 1877, and on the morning of Dec. 9, 1877, just thirteen years ago today, at Cerro Gordo, Mr. Hough and his engine went into the ditch, and Mr. Hough was laid up for a year.

Charles Parker was the conductor of the train. It was thought that Mr. Hough would die, so severe was the injury to his spine, but he recovered, and today he is one of the fleetest looking men for his age on the pay roll. This is his first visit to Decatur in nearly twenty years. About the only office that looks familiar to him is the old makeshift of a Union depot. He wonders how much longer it will stand. So do a great many other people.

Six Days' Bicycle Race.

New York, Dec. 9.—The leading scores in the bicycle race at 10 o'clock this morning was: Hale, 905 miles; Reading, 841; Moore, 828; Pierce, 824; Forster, 818; Schock, 816; Rice, 854; Taylor, 804.

Endorsed for Sec'y of Agriculture.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 9.—The state grange adopted a resolution today endorsing J. H. Brigham of Ohio, master of the national grange, for secretary of agriculture.

Don't

Buy a single toy until you have investigated our stock and prices as we are offering great inducements this year. E. D. Bartholomew Co.

Charley West, son of Teacher West, of Hartsburg, is suffering with a crushed leg, caused by a pony falling with him last week. It will be several days before the lad will be able to walk.

All of the county officers submit reports to the county board at the present session.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

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THE PETRIFIED WOMAN

A Meritorious Exhibition at No. 331 North Water Street.

The petrified woman exhibit has given universal satisfaction as such. Those of our citizens who have been in to see the great wonder thus far have been well pleased, pronouncing it wonderful and genuine; no doubt the greatest curiosity that has ever visited our city. The specimen comes endorsed by thousands of physicians, scientists and geologists, and a microscopic examination which prove beyond a doubt that it is a genuine case of petrification.

Visitors at the room No. 331 North Water street, are agreeably entertained with a descriptive lecture, and no pains are spared to make it interesting and perfectly comprehensible. Every lady and gentleman of our city should make the rare opportunity of seeing this most remarkable specimen.

All show features are avoided and all are unanimous in their praise of the scientific exhibit.

The hours are from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. The nominal fee of admission, only 15c, places it within reach of everyone.

The world renowned painting "Christ Before Pilate," will be on view in a few days at same room, in connection with the wonderful specimen of human petrification, thereby giving our citizens a fine double attraction.

DISLIKE THE CANAL

Eighteen Cities Will Be Represented at Peoria.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 9.—Eighteen cities will send representatives to the waterway conference in Peoria Thursday afternoon. A full attendance is expected. This conference called to consider the Chicago drainage canal. Fears have been expressed that the original purpose of the canal would not be carried out. A bridge which is in prospect at one point is said to be too low for ordinary steamboats to pass under it, and the valley people fear it is an indication that there is no intention of sending any great volume of water through the canal.

MISS MAJORIA, IF YOU PLEASE

She is the Only McKinley Infant and Was Named After the Major.

Canton, Ohio, Dec. 9.—Mr. George E. Morse, of San Francisco, returned to Canton from New York yesterday. Mr. Morse married Miss Ida McKinley, daughter of the late David McKinley, on the east.

Their charming little daughter, Majoria, 3 years old, is the only infant among the McKinley relationship. She is the center of attraction here, to the exclusion of statesmen and others.

Ornamental or Useful Which?

In times gone by, it has been the custom to make presents simply from the value as an ornament. These had times through which we are passing are teaching most buyers that usefulness should be the leading factor in the selection of holiday presents.

We offer you a large and very complete assortment of boots, shoes, rubbers, of necessary articles, those and very useful, no better present can be made to another sister, brother or daughter than a new fitting, well made pair of shoes, such as we are daily showing. And for these shoes tastes run towards the ornamental, we would suggest a pair of our "blind slipper," much handsomer than an ordinary pair, better fitting, and fully as durable.

We admit to please all tastes and nothing that we can think of will combine as much usefulness and make as pretty a present as a pair of these slippers.

Almost every one has been in to see in the last two years of our very successful career. To those who have not been in to make our acquaintance, we would simply say that our luck string must be open, and everyone will come.

Come in and see us and bring the children. We can fit and please the small baby and the largest giant.

Fairbank and Hobb

Sign of the Old Cabbler—4 ddtf

Rev. Sam Small

Will deliver his famous lecture entitled "From Bar Room to Pulpit" at the tabernacle Wednesday evening, Dec. 9. The price of admission, 10c, is so low that none can afford to miss this excellent entertainment.—7-4dtf

We Want Every Child

In the city of Decatur to come and look at our toys and we are satisfied that they will order Santa Claus to bring their Christmas presents from our store. E. D. Bartholomew Co.

Cure for Headache

As a remedy for all forms of headache the Electric Bitters has proved to be the very best. It effects a permanent cure, and the most dreaded headache and the most dreaded headache and the most dreaded headache.

Headaches yield to its influence. We urge all who are afflicted to procure a bottle, and give this remedy a fair trial. In cases of habitual constipation Electric Bitters cures by giving the bowels tone to the bowels, and few cases long take the use of this medicine. Try it once. 50c and \$1.00 at West's drugstore.

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Who of a Chicago Evangelist Wants to Box Sharkey Four Rounds for Points.